

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A playback apparatus for playing a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that includes program codes is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including time control information for ~~specifying~~ indicating ~~a location on a time axis relating to~~ playback timing of a video of the video stream, and the computer program including predetermined program codes for designating a plurality of graphics images and a rendition time corresponding to each of the plurality of graphics images, the playback apparatus comprising:

a storage;

a player that successively plays the video according to the playback timing indicated by the control time information;

an image plane;

a platform including a processor that executes native codes, ~~and an image selecting native code, executable by the processor, for selecting a selected image to be rendered and storing the selected image in the image plane, wherein~~ the platform interprets and executes the program codes included in the computer program ~~the predetermined codes~~ by converting the program codes ~~the predetermined codes~~ into native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes, ~~the platform causes the processor to execute the native codes for storing the plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each of the plurality of images in the storage, and the platform causes the processor to execute the image selecting native code for selecting the selected image to be rendered from among the plurality of~~

~~images stored in the storage based on a specified location on the time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information and the rendition time corresponding to each of the plurality of images stored in the storage and for storing the selected image in the image plane; and~~

a compositor that superimposes ~~the selected~~ a graphics image stored in the image plane on the video during the playback of the video stream,

~~wherein the image selecting native code is pre-stored on the platform and executable by the processor without conversion~~

the platform interprets the predetermined program codes included in the computer program by converting the predetermined program codes into native codes for storing, into the storage, the graphics images and the rendition time corresponding to each of the graphics images, and causes the processor to execute the native codes converted from the predetermined program codes, and

if the platform receives control information that includes the time information corresponding to the video played back by the player and the time information is predetermined time information, the platform causes the processor to execute an image selecting native code for selecting, from among graphics images stored in the storage, a selected graphics image to be rendered at a timing indicated by the predetermined time information and for storing the selected graphics image into the image plane.

2-7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A playback method used for a playback apparatus that plays a video stream recorded on a recording medium, the recording medium including a computer program that includes program codes is to be executed during playback of the video stream, the video stream including time control information for specifying indicating a location on a time axis relating to playback timing of a video of the video stream, the computer program including predetermined program codes for designating a plurality of graphics images and a rendition time corresponding to each of the plurality of graphics images, the playback apparatus having a storage, an image plane, and ~~a platform including a processor that executes native codes, and an image selecting native code, executable by the processor, for selecting a selected image to be rendered and storing the selected image in the image plane,~~ the playback method comprising:

successively playing back the video according to the playback timing indicated by the control time information;

converting the predetermined program codes included in the computer program into native codes for storing, into the storage, the graphics images and the rendition time corresponding to each of the graphics images, and causing the processor to execute the native codes converted from the predetermined program codes;

causing the processor to execute an image selecting native code for selecting, from among graphics images stored in the storage, a selected graphics image to be rendered at a timing indicated by the predetermined time information and for storing the selected graphics image into the image plane, if control information that includes the time information corresponding to the video played back by the player is received and the time information is predetermined time information; and

~~interpreting and executing the predetermined codes by converting the predetermined codes into native codes executable by the processor and causing the processor to execute the native codes for storing the plurality of images and the rendition time corresponding to each of the plurality of images in the storage;~~

~~selecting, by causing the processor to execute the image selecting native code for selecting the selected image to be rendered from among the plurality of images stored in the storage, based on a specified location on a time axis relating to the playback timing of the video included in the control information and the rendition time corresponding to each of the plurality of images stored in the storage and for storing the selected image in the image plane; and~~

~~superimposing the selected graphics image stored in the image plane on the video during the playback of the video stream[[,]].~~

~~wherein the image selecting native code is pre-stored on the platform and executable by the processor without conversion.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein the predetermined program codes further designate rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of graphics images, and the image selecting native code selects the selected graphics image to be rendered from among the plurality of graphics images stored in the storage based on a rendition location included in the control information and the rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of graphics images.

10. (Currently Amended) The playback apparatus of claim 9, wherein the image selecting native code selects the selected graphics image only when rendition coordinates of the selected graphics image are within a predetermined proximity of the rendition location.

11. (Currently Amended) The playback method of claim 8, further comprising:

having the predetermined program codes designate rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of graphics images; and

having the image selecting native code select the selected graphics image to be rendered from among the plurality of graphics images stored in the storage based on a rendition location included in the control information and the rendition coordinates corresponding to each of the plurality of graphics images.

12. (Currently Amended) The playback method of claim 11, further comprising:

having the image selecting native code select the selected graphics image only when rendition coordinates of the selected graphics image are within a predetermined proximity of the rendition location.

13. (New) The playback apparatus of claim 1, wherein

a file containing the graphics images is recorded on the recording medium.